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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Philip Course et al.  
Serial No.: TBA  
Filed: December 28, 2004  
Title: A METHOD FOR TRANSACTING A TRADE ELECTRONICALLY,  
AND A SYSTEM THEREFOR

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be made to the above application prior to examination on the merits. No new matter is presented by the amendments herein. **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 15 of this paper.

No additional fees are believed to be due with this preliminary amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.